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*Box Patent Application*

Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)  
*(Continuation of 09/154,156; Filed: September 16, 1998)*  
Appl. No. To Be Assigned; Filed: Herewith  
For: **Gel Loading Adapter**  
Inventors: Ally *et al.*  
Our Ref: 0942.4360002/LEA/DTJ

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1. USPTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/05);
2. Application Data Sheet;
3. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

## **Gel Loading Adaptor**

and naming as inventors:

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- a. A specification containing:
  - i. 14 pages of description prior to the claims;
  - ii. 6 pages of claims (claims 1-28);
  - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
- b. 3 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 2A and 2B);
4. Copy of executed Declaration originally submitted in U.S. Application No. 09/154,156;
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Attorney Docket No.	0942.4360002
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Title	Gel Loading Adapter
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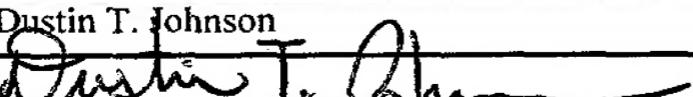
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